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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO^{TE}RTORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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Shanghai, JOHN WALTER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 " 5 per cent. "

12 " 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drugs granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, January 10, 1890. 363

NOTICE:

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

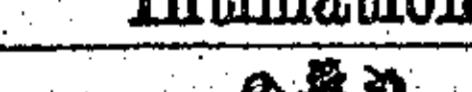
5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor, his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, January 1, 1890. 754

Intimations.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after FEBRUARY the First next, the FEES (payable monthly) at VICTORIA COLLEGE will be as under:—

Class I, \$36 per annum.
Classes II and III, 24 " "
Other Classes, 12 " "

By Command, A. LISTER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, January 11, 1890. 70

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND for the Half Year ending 30th September has been declared at the Rate of 8 1/2 per Annum. COUPONS attached to Gold Share Warrants may be cashed, and DIVIDENDS on Silver Share Warrants issued locally will be paid on and after 15th January at the Hongkong BRANCH OFFICE.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 11, 1890. 76

Intimations.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES on FRIDAY, 31st January, 1890, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 22nd, to FRIDAY, 31st January, 1890, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.;
Agents for the Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd.

5, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, January 16, 1890. 110

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A General MEETING of the SHARE-HOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th of January, 1890, at 4 p.m.

K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1890. 98

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.;
General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 43

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 14th, to THURSDAY, 23rd January, 1890, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1890. 82

THE PEAK HOTEL TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALMENT of \$5 (Five Dollars) per Share, on Call of Tea Dollars per Share, the above Company, will fall due on February 16th next, and is payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12 1/2 per Annim will be chargeable on all Calls UNPAID on due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. F. WHEELER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 87

NOTICE.

THE Forty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 11, 1890. 75

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 20th Instant, All UNPAID CALLS will be charged with INTEREST at the Rate of 12 1/2 per Annim to be calculated from the 1st November, 1889, and the same will be payable at the Company's OFFICES.

SHAREHOLDERS who have already paid the Call, but have not sent in their Bank Receipts, are requested to do so without delay, together with Scrip for endorsement.

CHAS. F. HARTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8, 1890. 65

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE LIST WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE ON THE 31st INSTANT, 1890,
AT 3 O'CLOCK.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1890. 65

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Intimations.

CHAMPAGNE.
VIN BRUT, ROYAL CUVEE,
LEMOINE.
AS SUPPLIED TO
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
and to
H.M. THE LATE EMPEROR FREDERICK OF GERMANY.

THE special feature of this Wine is that it is fermented juice of the grape solely, without the addition of candy syrup or liqueur of any kind.

A DRY CHAMPAGNE, to be palatable, must be made of the finest grape material.—A SWEET CHAMPAGNE can be made of almost any material. The excessive quantity of sugar in the latter masks completely its original character.

NATURAL CHAMPAGNE will agree with persons to whom the Sweetened Champagnes are injurious; it is a true simulant to mind and body, rapid, volatile, transitory and harmless. This Natural Champagne is recommended as being really dry, not by means of artificial additions, but because it is the natural process of fermentation has been completed.

Agents for Hongkong,
DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, December 21, 1889. 2408

**THE HONGKONG
LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000
RESERVE FUND, 1,250,000

Board of Directors:
Hon. J. J. KESWICK,
Chairman, Managing
Hon. C. P. CHATER, Director,
Vice-Chairman.

LEE SING, Esq.
S. O. MICHAELSEN, Esq.
J. S. MOSES, Esq.
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
POON FONG, Esq.
D. R. SAXSON, Esq.

Bankers:
**THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE,
on LAND OR BUILDINGS;
PROPERTIES
PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency
and Commission Business relating
to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 5, Queen's Road
Central.

A SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary,
Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. 844

**THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE
HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

1. The Hongkong Telegraph.
2. Cauldwell, Dr J.; Mansan, Dr P.; Hartigan, Dr W.

3. Cantlie, Dr J.; Residence.
4. Vernon, J. Y. V.

5. The China & Japan Telephone Co., Ltd.
6. Poenssener, L.

7. Arnold, Kather & Co.
8. The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

9. Chater & Vernon.
10. Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Queen's Road.

11. Daily Press.
12. Russell & Co.

13. E. & A. China Telegraph Co., Ltd.
14. Central Police Station.

15. Watson, A. S., & Co.
16. Douglas Lapraik & Co.

17. Butterfield & Swire.
18. Butterfield & Swire.

19. P. & O. N. S. Co.
20. Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

21. Crucifixion, W.

22. Club, Livingston & Co.

23. Hongkong Hotel, Public Telephone.

24. Household, W. St. John H., c.o.
25. Unishank, W., Victorian Dispensary.

26. Brodie, W., Residences.

27. Ah Yan & Co.

28. Linstedt & Davis.

29. Foster, F. T. P.

30. The Horatio Company, Limited.

31. Adamson, Bell & Co.

32. Dodwell, F.

33. Jordan, Dr G. P., Residence.

34. Carlowitz & Co.

35. Imports & Exports Office.

36. Morris & Ray.

37. Layton, B., Residence.

38. Giddins & Ezra.

39. Bellis & Co.

40. Reillys, E. R., Kingsolore.

41. Bellis & E. R. Peak.

42. Carlowitz & Co.

43. Imports & Exports Office.

44. Government House.

45. Hughes & Ezra.

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53. Giddins & Ezra.

54. Webster, J. F.

55. Hartigan, Dr W.

56. Victoria Hotel, Public Telephone.

57. Victoria Station.

58. Dakin Bros. of China, Ltd.

59. Stevens, Geo. R., & Co.

60. Stevens, Geo. R., Residence.

61. Subashibara will oblige by correcting
their Lists accordingly.

A. SANDFORD,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1889. 647

To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET.

HOUSES Nos. 1 & 2, CAMERON VILLAS,
PEAK.

One Storey, Five-Roomed HOUSE at
Mount Keppel, Peak. Gas laid on.

“Roof-top” Gas, The Peak.

One Two-Sixted GODEOWN, a few
yards from the Peak Central.

The “BUNGALOW” DECKMAN, on Kow-
loon Farm Lot 1, Yau-mui, with large
Garden and Tennis Ground.

Apply to

HELLIOLS & CO.

Hongkong, January 17, 1890. 115

Business Notices.

**HONGKONG TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.)

**A GREAT CLEARANCE SALE
IN ALL DEPARTMENTS**

Hongkong, January 14, 1890.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.

Noon.—Niu Nanzing leaves for Manila.
Noon.—Haizhen leaves for Swatow.

1 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental Steamship
Co. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and
San Francisco.

4 p.m.—Any leaves for Shanghai.

5 p.m.—Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Plants,
&c., at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.

Meetings.

4.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Cricket
Club at Cricket Pavilion.

Meeting of the H.K. Cricket Club for a
Cricket Dance.

Miscellaneous.

2.30 p.m.—Competition of the Hongkong
Rifle Association.

Transfer Books of H.K. C. & M. Steamship
Co., Ltd., closed from this date to
31st Instant, inclusive.

THE GERMANS IN EAST AFRICA.
Paris, 8th Jan.

The Times publishes a telegram from
Zanzibar, giving an account of a desperate
fight between Major Wissmann and the
chief of the Banzeri. Fifteen Germans
were wounded.

OBITUARY.

The King of Dahomey.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED Suez CANAL.

OUTWARD TRADE:—Humber, Jan. 6; Shet-
land, 20; German Islands, Glasgow,
Glenaray, New Guinea, Cratina, 24;

Lancaster, Nestor, 31; Braemarhead,
Krienshilde, Jan. 3; Cydros, Glenaray,
Ornsay, 7; Guiley of Lorne, Pultenae,
Tartar, 10.

Homeward Bound:—Claymore, Dec. 27;

Oopack, Ulster, Jan. 3; Polychymnia,
Tremieke, 10.

The s.s. Peninsular, with the English Mail
of Dec. 20th, left Singapore on Tues-
day, the 14th Jan., at 4 p.m., and
may be expected here on or about
Monday, the 20th Jan. This Packet
brings replies to letters despatched
from Hongkong on November 13th.

The E. & A. S. Co.'s steamer *Tannadice*
left Port Darwin for this port on the
7th Jan., and may be expected here on
or about the 17th Jan.

The F. & O. Co.'s extra steamer *Kashgar*,
from Bombay, left Singapore on the
19th Jan., and may be expected here
on or about the 18th Jan.

The Ben Line's s.s. *Bendales*, from Leigh
and London, left Singapore on 11th
Jan., and may be expected here on or
about the 19th Jan.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Hector*, from
Liverpool, left Singapore on the 11th
Jan., and may be expected here on or
about the 19th Jan.

The D. R. R. s.s. *Aspera* left Singapore
on the 11th Jan., at 1 p.m., and may be
expected here on or about the 19th
Jan.

The D. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Titan* from Li-
verpool on the 14th Jan., and may be
expected here on or about the 24th
Jan.

The P. & O. Co.'s extra steamer *Lombardy*
left Bombay for this port on the 14th
Jan., at 4 p.m.

The P. & O. extra steamer *Bombay* left
London for this port on the 28th Dec.

THERE will be a game of Polo to-morrow
(Saturday), the 18th instant, at 4 p.m., at
the Race Course.

The Hongkong Artillery Volunteers will
hold their annual 64-Per. R.M.L. Gun
Competition for the Challenge Cup on
Tuesday, the 21st instant. (Chinese New
Year) at Stonecutter's Island.

The *Courier & Haiphong* says there is a ques-
tion of establishing a regular service of
steamers between Haiphong, Pakhoi and
Hongkong in connection with the English
mail steamers.

We would remind cricketers of the meet-
ing to be held to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. at
the Cricket Pavilion, to consider the recom-
mendation of the committee that a ball be
given on the occasion of the visit to the
Stralia Cricket Team.

The Cricket Dance to be given on Monday,
the 27th instant, will probably be a sub-
scription dance at the rate of 5 dollars per
member attending and 5 dollars per guest
not being a lady—invited by a member.

Members wishing to subscribe should at
once notify the Hon. Sec. to the Dance
Committee (Mr. T. Sercombe Smith) at the
Hongkong Club; and at the same time
send in the name or names of the guest or
guests they may wish to be invited.

A NUMBER of Chinese house-proprietors
were summoned before Mr. Robinson in
the Police Court to-day, by Mr. Ar-
thur Chapman, Government Assessor, for
giving false returns of the rents of
houses. The Inspector of the Hongkong Police
Station, last night, was apparently in his
usual condition, it is said, but when one of
the police officers took him to bed at
8.15 he said he was unable to sleep. The
officer immediately reported this to the
Inspector on duty, and the latter, going
into the cell, asked Mr. Stiles what was the
matter. He replied, “Send for a doctor.”
On the Inspector removing the blanket
which concealed the prisoner's left hand,
he found blood issuing from a fearful wound
or series of wounds on the hand and wrist.
Medical aid was immediately sent for, and in
the meantime a tourniquet was applied
which stopped the bleeding. Dr. Boone
was quickly on the spot and proceeded to
tie up the arteries and sew up the wounds.
Later on Dr. Henderson arrived. The
would-be suicide was then very weak, and
it was not considered safe to remove him
to the Hospital till later in the day. At
first the prisoner refused to give any in-
formation as to how he had inflicted the
injuries, but after his removal to the Hos-
pital he stated that he had used a small
penknife (which was given him by the police
when searching him), which had been thrown
into the ventilator underneath his bed.
The knife was searched for, and found in
the place indicated.

ON Monday last, says the *Shanghai Mercury*,
the Custom authorities in Shanghai dis-
covered that a counterfeiting was being made
of a great quantity of Korean ginseng
under a fraudulent name.

Exhibit proceeded to the police, who
by being examined, found that the

Nippon Yusan Kusai, when he found 25

packages shipped, to contain

one hundred pieces of the expensive

root to which the Chinese attribute such

BRIGANDAGE IN TONKIN.

THE ATTACK ON MESSRS. ROQUE'S DAINTY. *Le Courier d'Haiphong* of the 12th January gives the following details with regard to the murder of M. Roze and the capture of Messrs. Roque's party by pirates. It is well known that the Government granted last year to M. Victor Roque, shipowner in Haiphong, a vast agricultural concession—about a thousand hectares (2,400 acres)—situated at the entrance of the valley of Luenan on the route from Dong-trieu to Nam-nau, and about five miles distant from the military post and the village of Dong-trieu. In that concession, M. Roque installed 150 or 200 Chinese families divided into two villages, one composed of Buddhists and the other of Christians. For some time past many difficulties have cropped up, and the resident of the Province withdrew from M. Roque the power given him to have 60 rifles in his possession to enable the Chinese to defend themselves in case of attack. About two months ago he appointed M. Laborde to superintend the work on the concession. On Monday, 6th inst., M. Victor Roque; his brother, Mr. Henri Roque; Père Arellano, Spanish Dominican; M. Roze, shipping master of the firm of Roque; M. Baptiste Costa, proprietor, Haiphong; and Wing Fat-cheong, comprador of the firm of Roque, left for Dong-trieu in the *Agnes*, with the intention of visiting the concession to transact certain business. They arrived safely, and on Wednesday night they lodged in the house of the chief man of the Muong village of Ben-chau, situated on the border of the concession. The conduct of the Mayor in all this affair, it may be remarked, seems very suspicious. Messrs. Henri Roque, Roze, Laborde and Baptiste Costa slept in a large room facing the entrance door, while M. Victor Roque and Father Arellano slept in a back room. About half-past eleven o'clock the house was invaded; shots were heard and there was a great shouting. M. Roze made for the courtyard, and almost on the threshold of the door, he received two shots; fired point-blank at him from a Mauser rifle and a shot from a fowling-piece. He fell mortally wounded and was struck afterwards with a pike on the back.

Messrs. Henri Roque and Laborde defended themselves energetically against the pirates. M. Costa allowed himself to be made a prisoner without resistance and was tied up. M. Henri Roque received a blow with a stick on the head which caused blood to flow. M. Laborde's right arm was broken with a blow from a stick, while he also received several slight wounds with a lance, and a blow on the head with a stick. Not being able to struggle any longer Messrs. Henri Roque and Laborde took refuge in the back room where were Messrs. Victor Roque and Father Arellano. The robbers then set fire to the place; after more than a quarter of an hour, preferring to run the risk of being killed in attempting to fly rather than be roasted in the room of which the matting was all on fire, Messrs. Roque, Father Arellano and M. Laborde rushed out and fell on the pirates. Father Arellano succeeded in passing through the middle of them, and fled in his night dress towards Dong-trieu, passing the night hidden under some high bushes. On rushing out M. Laborde was surrounded. He defended himself desperately, but the camp-bed on which he was standing broke, and he fell. At this moment, however, the fire got possession of the whole house, and his assailants, fearing to be burned, left in great haste. A few instants after M. Laborde succeeded in getting out and ran to the military post at Dong-trieu to warn the Commandant of what was going on at Ben-chau.

About six o'clock in the morning the detachment from Dong-trieu arrived in the village, which they found abandoned, not a single resident to be seen. On the door of the Mayor's house they found M. Roze stretched out, still breathing. He died while being carried to Dong-trieu.

M. Laborde and Father Arellano arrived at Haiphong on Thursday last week, bringing with them the body of M. Roze, who was buried next day. *Le Courier* does not think that this attack is a proof of the recrudescence of piracy, but attributes the affair to the treachery of the Muong villagers, in connivance with some of the workmen, who were discontented with the way in which they were treated by Wing Fat-cheong. It is said, moreover, that quite recently some 30 Chinese Christians belonging to the concession came to Haiphong to complain to M. Roque that the promises made to them when they were hired had not been kept. They accused Wing Fat-cheong of not paying them what was due to them and of not giving them sufficient money for food. It was for this reason that Messrs. Roque went to make an enquiry on the spot, and it appears that M. Roze in particular discovered in the course of the enquiry proof of the bad faith of Wing Fat-cheong, whom he reproached.

During the day Wing was sent several times speaking with the Mayor of the village of Ben-chau, and he passed the night of the attack in the house where the Mayor, who had given up his own house to Messrs. Roque, temporarily installed himself.

It is therefore a strong suspicion that the compradores was an accomplice and that his object was revenge.

The latest news in *Le Courier* is to the effect that the Resident of Haiphong had arrived on the Roque concession with 50 militia and had found it deserted. No fighting has been sent to scour the country in

all directions, but nothing had been seen of the robbers or the prisoners.

We learn, however, from a private source that news has been received at Haiphong from the three prisoners whose lives have apparently been spared. M. Roque has requested his clothes, and money to ransom him, to be sent:

HONGKONG LITERARY SOCIETY.

LECTURE ON ART.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Hongkong Literary Society last night, Dr. Cantillo preading, a lecture, under the title of 'Art: its principles and practice,' was delivered by Mr. D. E. Caldwell.

Mr. Caldwell began by explaining that the adoption of the above subject for his lecture was due to the suggestions of friends who thought the experience he had acquired in his own devotion to art might enable him to say something of interest and use to the Society; but when he came to consider the wide field which the lecture would have to cover he was alarmed not a little at his own temerity. After giving several definitions of 'Art' he said it would be seen that beauty which came from the hands of man was art, while that which came from the Creator was nature. The lecturer claimed for art a wide and far-reaching influence on the progress of humanity. In reply to the question 'Whence comes it?' he said he believed the love of the beautiful was natural to man, and traced evidences of this in the rude efforts at painting and drawing of the savages, and the carving of weapons of war and the chase which were found even among savages.

What was the use of art? the utilitarian asked, in reply to which the lecturer quoted Goethe, Schlegel and others. The mission of art was surely a high one, he remarked, if it was to check what was brutal in human nature, and to give us the sweetness and light which contain the essence of the purest teaching man had ever known. (Applause.) Proceeding to deal with the question as to where true beauty lies, the lecturer showed how a true appreciation of beautiful objects depended on the education of the eye, which must precede that of the hand necessary to the artist. The education of the eye constituted the chief difference between barbers and the art of civilization, and enabled one to distinguish between a dumb and a great work of art.

Very few people recognized the importance of educating the eye; few even among those who professed to give instruction in art. Speaking from his own experience, for nine years a boy and youth he learned in England to draw in pencil and crayons; two of his masters were men of some distinction, and both by a peculiar coincidence had been selected by the Queen to illustrate her works, but their teaching was only such as produced mechanical dexterity; there was no attempt to show wherein beauty lay. The fact was that few great artists in England would accept pupils.

In France it was different, and hence the great influence of the French School on modern English art. Most people were content to admire or ready to condemn a picture without troubling themselves about any reason except that the work either pleased or displeased them. Even with the photographs of their friends they would always find something to say, but not much, and the same they were to try to discover why one pleased them more than another they would find it difficult to do.

On the same side as Baboo's, between his shop and the printing office, where the *Fochow Echo* is printed, are Mr. Minchin's office, and Kaw Hong Take's large establishment; also the Bazaar (Chinese Compradores' Store). The printing office is only a few yards from Mr. Jas Phillips' residence, the latter adjoining the garden of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Baboo is insured.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

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AMOY RACES, 1890.

THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, 8th January.

1. FORMOSA CUP.—Presented. Value \$...

1 mile. Blue Ruin 1st.

Fantast 2nd.

Pioneer 3rd.

Time. 2m. 15½.

2. LENOX CUP.—Presented. Value \$...

2 miles. Cobweb 1st.

Cheng Li Mo 2nd.

Figaro 3rd.

Time. 4m. 45s.

3. LADIES' PEGAS.—20 Sovr. Presented.

Once round and a distance. Silvery Dawn 1st.

Gameteck 2nd.

Rustic 3rd.

Time. 2m. 50s.

4. LOTTERY CUP.—Value \$...14 miles.

Cobweb 1st.

Cocktail 2nd.

Mainbrace 3rd.

Time. 2m. 50s.

5. CONSOLATION CUP.—Value \$100.

Ministry 1st.

Magpie 2nd.

6. CHAMPION STAKES.—1½ miles.

Blue Ruin 1st.

Fantast 2nd.

Matibrace 3rd.

Time. 2m. 50s.

7. NIL DESTERANDUM STAKES.—Once round and a distance.

Slay 1st.

Bug Jacket 2nd.

Speculator 3rd.

Time. 2m. 50s.

LARGE FIRE AT FOOCHOW.

Foochow, 11th Jan., 1890. 8 a.m.

A large fire occurred last night. There are hundreds of houses destroyed, including the Printing Office and Baboo's entire block. Immense Chinese loss. Russell's saved.

By what we can gather, the fire originated in one of the principal Chinese streets in the settlement (on the Island of Nauhat); opposite Baboo's atro (which is destroyed); opposite Russell & Co.'s private residence, which was not destroyed, it being situated in a large garden behind a wall next to his house. Messrs. Russell & Co.'s office is the same as Baboo's, between his shop and the printing office, where the *Fochow Echo* is printed, are Mr. Minchin's office, and Kaw Hong Take's large establishment; also the Bazaar (Chinese Compradores' Store). The printing office is only a few yards from Mr. Jas Phillips' residence, the latter adjoining the garden of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Baboo is insured.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

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TICKTSIN.

The last memorial on railways is by the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, and has been endorsed by the Seventh Prince. It is to the effect that China shall build no railways whatever until she can do it with her own iron. This should turn the attention of the Government more than ever to mining operations. In any case, it extricates the Chinese from the bog into which he has fallen.

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